Friday, *the* *12th April 1946* / *30th Meenam 1121*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K.C I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

All the members excepting Messrs. R. S. Thevanna Koundan, K. Natarajan Chettiar, K. R. Ramakrisnan, M. K. Raja, Thattil Kochuvareed, P. V. Sebastin, S. P. Louis, P. E. Warne, the Chief Secretary to Government, the Director of Food Supplies and Mrs. Dhakshayani Velayudhan were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to inform this House (*a*) whether and what steps the Government has taken to see that the views of this Government regarding the impending constitutional changes in India are represented before the British Cabinet Mission now holding consultations in New Delhi;

(*b*) whether anybody has been authorised by the Government to do this on its behalf:

(*c*) if so, who it is and what the special terms of instructions issued to him are?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyar, Diwan of Travancore, has been given general authority to represent this State in his discussions with the members of the British Cabinet.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, Sir, are we to understand that no special instructions have been given to Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyar?

Mr. President: Order, order. I am afraid I cannot allow any supplementary questions arising out of this. Strictly speaking, I ought not to have allowed the question itself, inasmuch as it relates to relations between this State and British Government. I admitted it for the reason that statements have appeared in the Press and I thought it desirable to take this opportunity of giving this authentic information.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* May I know Sir, whether Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyar is not also representing Mysore?

Mr. Presidont: I have no information about that.

OTHER QUESTIONS

NELLIAMPATHY WORKS

625. **Mr. K. S. Panicker** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who was the supply contractor of Nelliampathy Works;

(*b*) what are the materials supplied by him;

(*c*) what is the nature of the contract between this contractor and the Government;

(*d*) what is the total amount paid to this contractor as the cost of materials supplied by him;

(*e*) who was in charge of the construction of buildings in the Nelliampathies;

(*f*) what is the total amount spent for the construction of these buildings?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The materials for the construction of buildings on the Government Fruit and Vegetable Farm, Neliampathies were supplied by 16 persons, and one tile factory, besides the Chief Engineer and the Conservator of Forests. The names of the persons and the tile factory are contained in the statement appended. *(Appendix I).*

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) As the name of any particular contractor is not specified details asked for cannot be furnished.

(*e*) Mr. P. T. Mathew, Panchayat Overseer, and Mr. S. Sitaraman, Assistant Engineer, Panchayats.

(*f*) Rs. 97,575—8—2.

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